Mid-day Meal Scheme in Gujarat

987. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education, popularly called Mid-day Meal Scheme, in Gujarat; and

(b) the role being played by the Gujarat Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Under the National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (popularly called Mid-day Meal Scheme) the Government of Gujarat is providing cooked meals to the children of primary classes (I-V) in Government, Local Bodies and Government Aided Schools.

(b) In addition to central support comprising of food grains and admissible transportation charges, the Government of Gujarat is bearing the conversion cost covering items, such as oil, vegetables, pulses, remuneration for kitchen staff etc. The State Government also make all administrative arrangements for implementation of the cooked meal scheme.

South Indian Language Teachers in Gujarat

988. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are releasing Central Grants to Gujarat for appointment of language teachers in schools in the State, to teach South Indian languages;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last five years and the number of teachers appointed, year-wise and district-wise; and

(c) what other measures are being taken to promote modern Indian languages in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The Government of India is implementing the